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SUBJECT: FAA CIVIL AVIATION SECURITY COURSE

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1. EMBASSY CIVIL AVIATION AFFAIRS OFFICER HAS BEEN VISITED TWICE IN LAST FEW DAYS BY DEPUTY GOVERNOR OF ANKARA PROVINCE IN CHARGE OF ESENBAGA AIRPORT, OSMAN GUMRUKCUOGLU, WHO, THOUGH HE SPEAKS NO ENGLISH, HAS EXPRESSED INTENSE INTEREST IN ATTENDING SUBJECT COURSE. HE SAID HE HAD LEARNED OF IT THROUGH MINISTRY OF INTERIOR LETTER, WHICH WE ASSUME WAS CIRCULATED AS RESULT OF OUR NOTIFICATION TO DGCA GUNGEN.

2. CONCEDED THAT HE SPEAKS NO ENGLISH, HE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD A YOUNG POLICE OFFICIAL UNDER HIS JURISDICTION AT THE AIRPORT, WHO IS QUALIFIED IN ENGLISH, WAS LIKELY TO BE SELECTED FOR COURSE. GUMRUKCUOGLU SUGGESTED THAT THIS OFFICER COULD TRANSLATE FOR HIM, AND THAT HE COULD HAVE WRITTEN COURSE MATERIAL TRANSLATED INTO TURKISH ON HIS RETURN. IN ANY EVENT, HE SAID, HE WOULD LEARN MUCH FROM OBSERVATION OF PROCEDURES DEMONSTRATED AT COURSE. HE ARGUED THAT AS OFFICIAL IN OVERALL CHARGE AT ESENBAGA, HE SHOULD BE FAMILIAR WITH SECURITY PRACTICES AS THEY ARE TAUGHT BY FAA.

3. EMBOFF EXPRESSED DOUBT THAT FAA COULD ACCOMMODATE HIM AS
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SUGGESTED. MOREOVER, IT WAS EXPLAINED, ARRANGEMENT FOR TRANSLATION OF PROCEEDINGS BY HIS COLLEAGUE WOULD BE UNSATISFACTORY FOR HIM AND DISRUPTIVE OF CLASSES. GUMRUKCUOGLU APPARENTLY DID NOT BUY THAT, HOWEVER; ON HIS SECOND VISIT TO EMBASSY HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY HIS DAUGHTER, A TEACHER OF ENGLISH AT MIDDLE EAST TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY, WHO HE SAID WAS TEACHING HIM ENGLISH. (IT WAS EVIDENT THAT SHE HAS NOT HAD MUCH SUCCESS.)

4. WE HAVE DISCUSSED MATTER WITH DGCA GUNGEN WHO TOLD US GUMRUKCUOGLU HAD ALSO PAID HIM VISIT. GUNGEN SAID HE HAD EXPLAINED ABSOLUTE REQUIREMENT FOR ENGLISH COMPETENCE, ON WHICH CANDIDATES WILL BE EXAMINED BY DGCA BEFORE THEY ARE FORMALLY NOMINATED. GUNGEN ALSO TOLD US NOMINEES WOULD BE WORKING LEVEL POLICE OFFICERS FROM MINISTRY OF INTERIOR WHO WOULD BE NAMED SHORTLY.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: WE ARE COMMITTED TO "ASK WASHINGTON" IF GUMRUKCUOGLU WOULD BE ACCEPTED IN COURSE. PLEASE CONFIRM THAT HE WOULD NOT BECAUSE OF LACK OF ENGLISH. HOWEVER, WE WOULD LIKE TO BE RESPONSIVE IN SOME MEASURE TO HIS INTEREST BY MAKING AVAILABLE TO HIM WRITTEN MATERIAL ASSOCIATED WITH COURSE. PLEASE ADVISE IF THIS COULD BE AIR POUCHED PROMPTLY FOR PRESENTATION BY EMBASSY.
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